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## NC11 Discover the Basque Country

Long recognized for their exquisite and innovative cuisine, and recently famous for the amazing Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Euskadi (or the Basque country) has much to offer. With their own, totally unique language and distinct culture it's said by some that the Basques are perhaps the Aborigines of Europe, dwelling in these valleys since Cro-Magnon times.

Don't miss the Belle Epoque elegance of San Sebastian, on its glittering bay, with the most Michelin stars per-capita in Europe and Bilbao, the 'phoenix city', which has flourished since the building of the Guggenheim. Head south and see the Cathedral of Vitoria, Ken Follet's muse, or the delightful medieval villages of La Rioja Alavesa.

**Itinerary Overview:**

Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 4	3 nights	Euskadi, Bilbao and the Western Basque Coast, Bilbao	HBIL4 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	30mins from airport or ferry (1hr 10mins from Santander ferry port)
2	Day 4 to 6	2 nights	Rioja Wine Region, Laguardia	HLAG2 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 30mins
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Euskadi, San Sebastian and the Eastern Basque Coast, Donostia / San Sebastian	DSS2 4-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs

**Includes:**

- Accommodation for two people in our listed hotels - bed and breakfast
- Economy 4-door car hire from leaving Bilbao **or** return ferry to Northern Spain
- Regional guide book
- Restaurant guide covering regions en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

**Excludes:**

- Flights - but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras - these can be added at pick-up point: extra driver, child seats and GPS (subject to availability)
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops) - please ask us about parking charges
- Local tourist taxes where applicable

## Stage 1

### Euskadi, Bilbao and the Western Basque Coast



#### Highlights

Frank Gehry's Guggenheim & its sister the Bellas Artes  
 Basque cuisine, pintxos or something more substantial  
 Basque coast, lovely beaches, spectacular rock formations  
 Head for the hills, great walking just near the city  
 San Sebastian, Belle Epoque elegance by the sea

### HBIL4 4-star Hotel, Bilbao

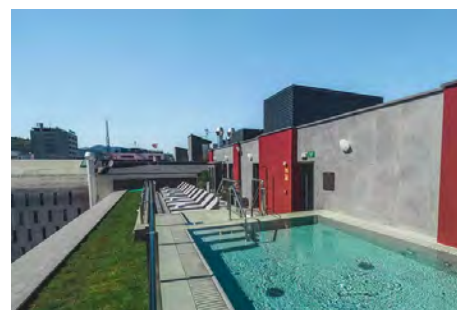
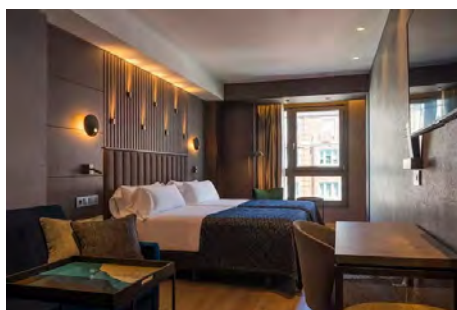
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**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



This modern, 4-star hotel is set on the Gran Via, Bilbao's most elegant and historic street near the delightful Doña Casilda Park. With the Guggenheim and Bellas Artes (Fine Arts) Museums a stone's throw away and the Old Town just a 20-minute walk, you couldn't be better placed.

Despite its central location the hotel offers a large patio garden and rooftop terrace with a small pool where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the city. There are shared lounges and a gastro-bar to relax in as well as a spa and fitness centre if you're feeling more energetic.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• 24 hour reception • Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Regular double or twin, Superior, Premium, Deluxe and family rooms
<b>Other</b>	• Garage parking (extra charge) • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

## Stage 2

### Rioja Wine Region



#### Highlights

- Spain's most prestigious vineyards
- Riojan & Basque cuisine - excellent local ingredients
- Stunning modern architecture among the vines
- Medieval Haro, Laguardia, Labastida and many more...
- Dinastia Vivanco museum of wine culture

### HLAG2 3-star Hotel, Laguardia

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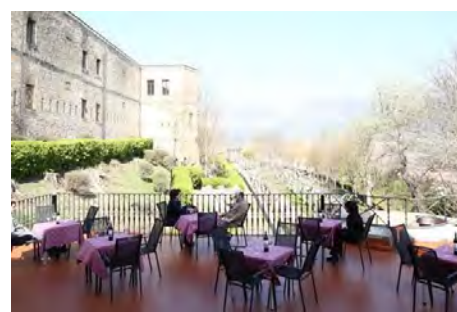
**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



Though built in 1863 in the Modernista style this striking building with its imposing watchtower was constructed with the remains of a small medieval castle.

The location is excellent, built into the town wall and at the same time set up and back from the road, with fantastic views of the town, vineyards and the mountains.

The hotel has a cosy restaurant and a separate bar which has a nice terrace and is open to the public. Guests are of course invited to climb the tower and enjoy those magnificent views!



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard double or twin, Suites. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• Garage parking (extra charge) • On-street parking • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

### Stage 3

## Euskadi, San Sebastian and the Eastern Basque Coast



### Highlights

- San Sebastian - World gastro capital - most Michelin stars per capita
- Hondarribia's medieval old town and delightful fisherman's quarter.
- Sensational beaches of San Sebastian, Zarautz, Hondarribia.
- Flysch rock formations on the beach in Zumaia.
- Train to the peak of La Rhune - panoramic views of the Bay of Biscay

## HDSS2 4-star Hotel, Donostia / San Sebastian

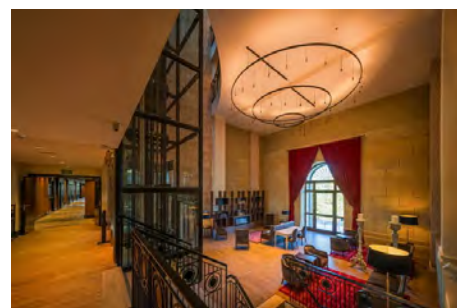
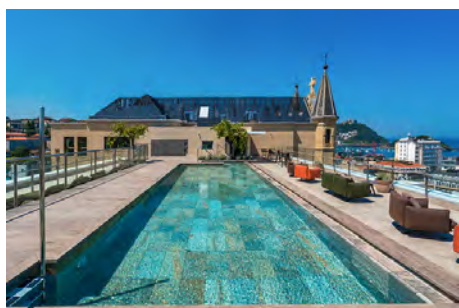
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**Accommodation:** 1 x Twin/Double, Bed & Breakfast



Newly opened in 2020, this former 17th century convent stands on a natural lookout on San Bartolome hill in the heart of the city. The charm of this historic building perfectly matches the comfort and luxury of a boutique hotel. With stunning panoramic views over La Concha beach and just two minutes from the Cathedral, it has a unique rooftop terrace and swimming pool with solarium and chill out area. Relax away from the hustle and bustle of the city in the Wellness & Spa zone with over 350sq metres. It also offers private parking which is definitely a plus in the city centre.

Famous for its food, gastronomy plays an essential role in the city's identity.



<b>Main facilities</b>	• Wi-Fi all areas • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
<b>Room facilities</b>	• En-suite bathroom • Tea/coffee making facilities
<b>Dining</b>	• Restaurant, open to the public
<b>Room types</b>	• Standard double or twin, Suite, Junior Suite, Double with sea-view terrace, Triple, Family rooms. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
<b>Other</b>	• Garage parking (extra charge) • Electric vehicle charging station • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

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